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DIARY NOTES

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9 December 1963

1. At the Executive Committee Meeting this morning:

a. The Director said that some Department of State employees who are witting of some CIA activities are being called to testify before a Senate committee looking into the Otepka case. Mr. Rusk issued written instructions that, if they are asked questions about CIA activities, they will decline to answer and state that such questions must be referred to the Director of Central Intelligence or to the Secretary of State. The Director asked Mr. Houston to look into the legal aspects of this position. Larry advised me later in the day that he had checked into this particular committee and that he thought there was no problem since the key members of the committee will respect any such request.

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b. The Director announced that at the President's request he would be leaving for [REDACTED] on 16 December, taking with him [REDACTED] and the new Chief of Station, [REDACTED].

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c. General Carter said that Secretary of State Dean Rusk had called him last evening shortly after there had been some speculation that a bomb was on the Pan American plane which crashed last night. General Carter asked that we check the passenger list and advise him as soon as possible so that he could return Mr. Rusk's telephone call. (Bob Bannerman handled this with General Carter later in the day; however, we have had no information on any of the people listed as passengers.)

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2. [REDACTED] who has been Chief of Station in [REDACTED] was in for a short visit. This station is made up of only one man and one communications man. They are completely [REDACTED] and have no support problems.

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3. [REDACTED] buzzed to say that General Carter was returning our proposed abridgment of Project [REDACTED]. He said that there is no necessity for running this over a weekend and wants us to redo the paper on the basis of two full work days during the week.

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4. [REDACTED] buzzed to say that [REDACTED] had reported that the Civil Service Commission was looking at his job at AID and that it might be

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25X1A9a upgraded to grade GS-18. [REDACTED] also has a man named [REDACTED], a grade 25X1A9a
25X1A9a GS-14, on loan from CIA. He inquired as to the possibility of promoting
[REDACTED] even if only for the duration of this job.

25X1A9a 5. I talked with Bob Fuchs about a Deputy Director of Finance and we
25X1A9a agreed on [REDACTED] b. We also talked about a replacement for Pat in the
25X1A9a Finance Division and have tentatively but not finally agreed on [REDACTED]
25X1A9a Bob was pleading for promotions for [REDACTED] h. I told
25X1A9a him that I could see no possibility of doing this now. Bob alerted me to a
25X1A9a classification problem with [REDACTED] s staff. John has asked [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
25X1A9a to join his staff in a grade GS-16 job. [REDACTED] s already there, and
John wants to promote him to a grade GS-16. I agreed to speak to John and,
if necessary, to Kirk about these matters.

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[REDACTED] inquiring as to the possibility of a job with CIA when he 25X1A9a
25X1A9a retires in about a year. I told Hank that, while I had a high regard for
[REDACTED], I thought that he was the type of man you would want to
use on the Board of National Estimates or in CA Staff or DODS.

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why the water supply at [REDACTED] is exactly where it stood when I visited
there last February.

8. Emmett Echols was in to discuss the following:

a. He advised me that the 25th Hour Recreation Association has
all been approved. The Board is being selected and they will be prepared
to give it some publicity very soon. H

b. Emmett reported that WAEPA is giving additional insurance
to its subscribers in accordance with a graduated scale running from
\$5,000 at age 40 to \$1,250 at age 60. This will be at no additional
cost.

c. As a result of his recent trip to JMWAVE, Emmett is satisfied
that employees there do, in fact, meet the requirements for premium
pay in lieu of overtime. He also believed that premium pay as presently
administered is more economical than overtime would be if administered
in accordance with our normal policy. While housing subsidy was not
part of his business, he was sympathetic to the problem and suggested
that we consider leasing the houses as we do overseas. I think he missed

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the boat entirely here since our overseas housing policy has been changed; and, furthermore, the issue is whether we have the legal authority to do this in the continental United States. He felt quite strongly that personnel at JMWAVE feel that they are out of the normal and competitive stream of things in the Agency and that considerable uncertainty hangs over their heads. He recommended very strongly that a rotational date for everyone at JMWAVE be established.

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9. [REDACTED] telephoned to find out the status of the letter we proposed for Mr. McCone to send to Secretary McNamara having to do with the NCS Near Term Plan. I talked to both [REDACTED] who were both unable to tell me just where this letter was. (I expect to hear tomorrow, however.)

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10. [REDACTED] buzzed to say that the Director had become much more interested in his personal security since the President was assassinated and had taken some steps to improve it. Hank thought that General Carter should at least have a security aide ride with him in the car. I told him that I would support this position.

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12. Bob Bannerman reported that Mr. Robert Hotz of Aviation Week had been in touch with the Air Force as a result of the Simons article appearing in the Washington Post on Sunday, 8 December, and had said that, unless something is done to stop the Washington Post from publishing articles of this type, he would feel free to publish his article in his magazine, Aviation Week, this Thursday, 12 December. There was a meeting later in the day with General Carter to talk about this, after which Bob reported that nobody seemed sure just what should be done. General Carroll, however, is going to be requested to talk with Hotz and to try to get him not to publish his article.

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13. Emmett Echols was in to talk with me about a request for leave without pay for [REDACTED] of the Office of Security. Normally we allow only ninety days' LWOP for wives who are going to accompany their

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husbands to another assignment; in this case, however, she has more than eighteen years of service and her marital problems make it uncertain whether she will stay with her husband. (A reconciliation is to be simultaneous with the transfer.) In any case, I approved of granting her the eighteen months' leave without pay.

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